

IN THE SPECIFICATION

*NB 1/11/07* Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, lines ~~6-14~~<sup>10 18</sup>, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound for use in the present invention is soluble in organic solvents. There is no particular limitation to the metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound. Conventional alcolates and/or metal chelate compounds can be employed as long as a chelate cross-linking reaction takes place between the metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound and an acid value generating portion of the resin upon the organic solvent being eliminated in the course of the preparation of the toner. Such a metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound is preferably selected from the group of the alcolates and/or metal chelate compounds with the metal site thereof being of bivalent or more.